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1. A method of applying a liquid to a surface from a wheeled receptacle disposed on the surface, the wheeled receptacle including a circumferential sidewall, a bottom wall connected to the circumferential sidewall, at least two wheels, a steering handle for guiding the wheeled receptacle on the surface, and a spigot, the wheeled receptacle containing a liquid, the method comprising the steps of:

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opening the spigot, thereby dispensing the liquid through the spigot of the wheeled receptacle and onto the surface; and

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guiding the wheeled receptacle across the surface via the steering handle, thereby dispensing the liquid through the spigot of the wheeled receptacle onto a selected area of the surface.

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2. The method of claim 1 wherein the spigot has a selectively-adjustable valve which is operable between a fully-open position and a fully-closed position, the method further including the step of adjusting the selectively-adjustable valve to a position between the fully-open position and the fully-closed position inclusive, thereby regulating the rate at which the liquid flows from the spigot.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the spigot further includes a spigot handle connected to the selectively-adjustable valve, the adjusting step further including turning the spigot handle, thereby adjusting the selectively-

adjustable valve to a position between the fully-open position and the fully-closed position inclusive.

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4. The method of claim 2 wherein the wheeled receptacle has a speed, the guiding step including adjusting the speed of the wheeled receptacle across the surface, thereby regulating the amount of the liquid which is dispensed onto the selected area of the surface.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the wheeled receptacle has a speed, the guiding step including adjusting the speed of the wheeled receptacle across the surface, thereby regulating the amount of the liquid which is dispensed onto the selected area of the surface.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the wheeled receptacle has a width indicator, the method further including the step of comparing the width of the liquid on the surface with the width indicator.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the width indicator has a selectively-adjustable width, the method further including the step of adjusting the width of the width indicator.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the wheeled receptacle further includes a mop-wringer, the steering handle of the wheeled receptacle being connected to the mop-wringer.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein the mop-wringer has a handle, the steering handle of the wheeled receptacle being the mop-wringer handle.
10. The method of claim 1 further including the step of determining, prior to the guiding step, a path for the wheeled receptacle to take across the surface, the path determining the selected area of the surface.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein the path is an inverted substantially-U-shaped path, as viewed from above the surface, the path having a first leg-portion and a second leg-portion connected by a base portion.
12. The method of claim 11 wherein the guiding step includes following the path established in the determining step, whereby a bead of the liquid is dispensed onto the selected area of the surface.
13. The method of claim 12 further including the step of spreading the liquid from the selected area to another area of the surface, using a floor tool.

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14. The method of claim 13 wherein the floor tool has a floor-contacting member and a floor-tool handle connected to the floor-contacting member, the spreading step including moving the floor-contacting member in a serpentine pattern via the floor-tool handle.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the serpentine pattern is sufficiently wide so that the floor-contacting member passes across the bead at the first leg-portion and at the second leg-portion.

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16. The method of claim 15 wherein the floor-tool handle includes a bend, and the serpentine pattern includes a left-to-right sweep connected to a right-to-left sweep, the spreading step further including holding the floor-tool handle at the bend, and using leg muscles to shift user body-weight during the left-to-right sweep and the right-to-left sweep.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the floor-contacting member has a first end, the spreading step further including maintaining the first end as a leading end throughout the serpentine pattern.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the floor-contacting member further includes a bottom surface, the first end having a surface, the method further including the step of attaching a pad to the first-end surface and the bottom surface.

19. A wheeled receptacle for applying a liquid to a surface on which the wheeled receptacle is supported, the wheeled receptacle comprising:
- a circumferential sidewall;
 - a bottom wall connected to the circumferential sidewall;
 - 5 at least two wheels;
 - a steering handle for guiding the wheeled receptacle on the surface;
 - a spigot through which a liquid may flow onto a surface; and
 - a spigot handle connected to the spigot, the spigot handle being elongated and extending upward from the spigot.
20. The wheeled receptacle of claim 19 further including a mop-wringer, the steering handle being connected to the mop-wringer.
21. The wheeled receptacle of claim 20 wherein the mop-wringer has a handle, the steering handle of the wheeled receptacle being the mop-wringer handle.
22. The wheeled receptacle of claim 19 further including a width indicator, whereby a user may compare the width of a liquid, which has flowed through the spigot onto a surface, with the width indicator.

23. The wheeled receptacle of claim 22 wherein the width indicator has a selectively-adjustable width, whereby a user may adjust the width of the width indicator.
24. The wheeled receptacle of claim 22 wherein the width indicator includes a horizontal member.
25. The wheeled receptacle of claim 24 wherein the horizontal member includes width indicia.
26. The wheeled receptacle of claim 25 wherein the width indicia include at least two outwardly-extending tabs.
27. The wheeled receptacle of claim 26 wherein at least one of the two outwardly-extending tabs is selectively-adjustable along the length of the horizontal member.
28. The wheeled receptacle of claim 22 wherein the wheeled receptacle has a back, and the spigot and spigot handle are at the back.
29. The wheeled receptacle of claim 28 wherein the width indicator is at the back.

30. The wheeled receptacle of claim 22 wherein the wheeled receptacle has a back, and the wheeled receptacle further includes a handle at the back, the handle including the width indicator.
31. The wheeled receptacle of claim 19 including a third wheel, at least one of the wheels being a non-caster wheel, and at least another of the wheels being a caster wheel.
32. The wheeled receptacle of claim 31 including a fourth wheel.
33. The wheeled receptacle of claim 32 wherein two of the wheels are non-caster wheels, and two of the wheels are caster wheels.
34. The wheeled receptacle of claim 33 wherein the wheeled receptacle has a back and a front, the two non-caster wheels being positioned at the back, and the two caster wheels being positioned at the front.

35. A wheeled receptacle for applying a liquid to a surface on which the wheeled receptacle is supported, the wheeled receptacle comprising:

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a circumferential sidewall;

a bottom wall connected to the circumferential sidewall;

at least two wheels;

a steering handle for guiding the wheeled receptacle on the surface;

a spigot through which a liquid may flow onto a surface; and

a width indicator, whereby a user may compare the width of a liquid,

which has flowed through the spigot onto a surface, with the width indicator.

36. The wheeled receptacle of claim 35 wherein the width indicator has a selectively-adjustable width, whereby a user may adjust the width of the width indicator.

37. The wheeled receptacle of claim 35 wherein the width indicator includes a horizontal member.

38. The wheeled receptacle of claim 37 wherein the horizontal member includes width indicia.

39. The wheeled receptacle of claim 38 wherein the width indicia include at least two outwardly-extending tabs.

40. The wheeled receptacle of claim 39 wherein at least one of the two outwardly-extending tabs is selectively-adjustable along the length of the horizontal member.
41. The wheeled receptacle of claim 35 wherein the wheeled receptacle has a back, and the spigot is at the back.
42. The wheeled receptacle of claim 41 wherein the width indicator is at the back.
43. The wheeled receptacle of claim 35 wherein the wheeled receptacle has a back, and the wheeled receptacle further includes a handle at the back, the handle including the width indicator.